(c) if so, what is the number of such pending applications State-wise, indicating the number of applications pending for over five and three years, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) Although there is no Central Law on recognition of trade unions of workers, a Code of Discipline and the criteria for recognition of unions appended to the Code, which were adopted by the Indian Conference in May 1958, regulate grant of recognition to trade unions. A procedure also exists for determination of relative strength of unions operating in an establishment under the Central sphere by secret ballot if the consent of the management and all the unions functioning in the establishment is received for the purpose.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Employment of contract labour by Indian Airlines

474. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment of contract labour by Indian Airlines for sweeping, dusting, watch and ward etc. has been prohibited by Government at its Bombay Station;

(b) if so, whether Indian Airlines are still employing contract labour at Bombay;

(c) whether other stations of Indian Airlines are also employing contract labour;

(d) if so, the present number of such labour employed; and

(e) whether Government propose to abolish this system in Indian Airlines and if so, the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Central Government became 'Appropriate Government' in respect of Indian Airlines after the amendment of Contract Labour (Regulation & Aboltion) Act, 1970 on 28-1-1986. Prior to this amendment State Government was the appropriate Government in respect of Indian Airlines. The Central Advisory Contract Labour Board has constituted a *Committee to go into the question* of prohibition of contract labour in sweeping, cleaning, dusting and watching of buildings owned or occupied by the establishments in respect of which Central Government is the 'Appropriate Government.'

Industrial Disputes pending against Indian Airlines

475. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial disputes pending against Indian Airlines as on the 30th November, 1990; and

(b) the number of such cases pending in the Central Industrial Tribunal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of industries in the backward areas of the country

476. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up industries in the backward areas of the country in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what was the position in that regard in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The proposals for the Eighth Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised.

(c) Industrialisation of a particular area or a State is essentially the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplement the efforts of the State Governments by offering incentives such as concessional finance, priority in licensing, etc. for entrepreneurs setting up industrial units in the centrally identified backward areas. The letters of intent (LOIs) and industrial licences (ILs) issued for the backward areas during the 7th Plan period (1985—90) are given below:—

	LOI	IL
1985 . . .	774	427
1986 . . .	621	278
1987 . . .	536	192
1988 . . .	551	153
1989 . . .	553	175
1990 (up to Sept.) .	337	111

Displaced persons from erstwhile east Pakistan Living in Karnal, Haryana

477. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Illustrated weekly of India, dated July 8, 1990 regarding plight of displaced persons from erstwhile East Pakistan (Now Bangladesh) living in Mahila Ashram, Karnal Haryana; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to various complaints reported in the article?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the Government of Haryana who have informed that they are acquiring land from the Haryana Urban Development Authority for the resettlement of the migrant families living in the Mahila Ashram, Karnal. The Government of Haryana have further added that the issue of construction of houses on the said land is being taken up with their Housing Board. As regards other rehabilitation benefits to be given to the migrant families of Mahila Ashram, Karnal, the State Govt. have stated that these benefits would be given to these families as per the approved scale applicable to the migrants in various states of the country.

Posts reserved for SCs|STs in Central Public Sector Undertakings

478. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for SCs|STs in higher category of various Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) the steps taken to fill up the above mentioned posts so far and reasons for not getting required personnel;

(c) whether Government are reviewing and identifying higher categories of posts in Central Public Sector Undertakings for which SC|ST candidates are not available; and

(d) the programmes taken up for training the required personnel to fill up the reserved vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d) The number of posts reserved for SC|ST in higher category (Group A) of various public sector undertakings was 3231 as on 31-3-1990.

Various steps have been taken to fill up these posts by the public sector undertakings. A Special Recruitment Drive has